



Office of the City Manager

## WEEKLY M E M O

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
From: Noah A. Simon, City Manager *NS*  
Re: Weekly City Manager's Report December 11, 2015

Good afternoon. I hope you all are well. Your Council packet this week includes the November report from the Lexington Police Department and agendas for the upcoming meetings of the School Board, Architectural Review Board, Physical Services Committee, and City Council. The two-week calendar is also attached.

**Virginia's Beautiful Main Streets** — Virginia's Travel Blog included Lexington this year in its Holiday Blog written by Casey Higgins. Attached is a page showing the Blog's highlights of Lexington. You can visit the full blog showing all the towns chosen for this year's article at <http://blog.virginia.org/2015/11/holiday-main-streets/>.

**VDOT to work on I 64 beginning Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** — Attached is a copy of the Alert sent to localities along I 64. Public Works posted this on Facebook and the Lexington Website.



# City of Lexington

## Department of Police

540-462-3705



To: Noah A. Simon

From: Chief A.S. Thomas

Date: December 11, 2015

Ref: LPD Monthly Report – November 2015

On November 8<sup>th</sup> Lexington Police Chaplain Timm Ziegler rushed his son Jakob to the University of Virginia Medical Center with life threatening symptoms. Jakob was treated and ultimately diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. Type 1 diabetes, previously known as juvenile diabetes, is rare and is usually diagnosed in children and young adults. Only 5% of people with diabetes have this form of the disease. Jakob, a seventh grader at Maury River Middle School, is currently back home undergoing a very strict regimen of treatment and diet to regulate his diabetes. The police department is partnering with a number of community organizations to organize a charity event for the Ziegler family. A Cakewalk fundraiser will be held on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Maury River Middle School Gymnasium at 5:00. 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Scott Fitzgerald will coordinate the fundraiser.

Officer Zachary Bright who recently graduated from the police academy and has completed Phase 1 of the Field Training Officer Program.

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### ***STAFF REPORT***

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Chief Thomas had dinner with Ray Kelly, Retired Commission NYPD on November 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss homeland security / response to terrorism, and other current matters in the law enforcement community.

Chief Thomas attended the Police Foundation Meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>, Noah Simon was the keynote speaker.

Chief Thomas hosted a department wide meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss current issues in law enforcement.

Detective Smith continues to work on a death investigation in relation to a structure fire in the City.

Captain Riley, Sergeant Condry, and Detective Smith attended the Crimeline Meeting at the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office.

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## ***COMMUNITY POLICING***

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Lieutenant Frost met with a local high school student to do an interview about policing practices and trends in today's society.

Sergeant Condry met with a local business owner to discuss citizen concerns about noise and alcohol violations at his business.

Captain Riley spoke to the Head Start children for career week at the Community Center.

Chief Thomas participated in the Veteran's Day Tea events at Lylburn Downing Middle School.

Captain Riley and Detective Smith met with three classes at Maury River Middle School during career day. They discussed necessary qualifications to become a police officer including, education, integrity, communication skills, etc. The students were able to look at police equipment as well.

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## ***PATROL OPERATIONS***

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Lieutenant Frost supervised the Domino's Pizza 10K race on November 13<sup>th</sup>, the Gobble Wobble events on November 27<sup>th</sup>, and helped coordinate events for the annual Christmas tree lighting parade. He also visited Central Dispatch to discuss any concerns or suggestions

Captain Riley supervised the downtown Veteran's Day events on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

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## ***TRAINING***

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Lieutenant Frost – attended Supervisor in service training 11/9-11/11.

Sergeant Huffman – attended Supervisor in service training 11/9 – 11/11.

Sergeant Padgett – completed her General Instructor recertification on 11/10.

Special Officer Lombardi – completed his Conservator of the Peace recertification on 11/20.

Corporal Burks – attended SWAT training on 11/12 and firearms training on 11/22.

Corporal Britton – completed General Instructor recertification on 11/10.

Several LPD Officers attended the Ray Kelly Seminar at VMI on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Shift In House Training:**

All Patrol Division personnel completed reviews of:

02-04 ADM. Search & Seizure

00-10. OPR. Detaining Situations

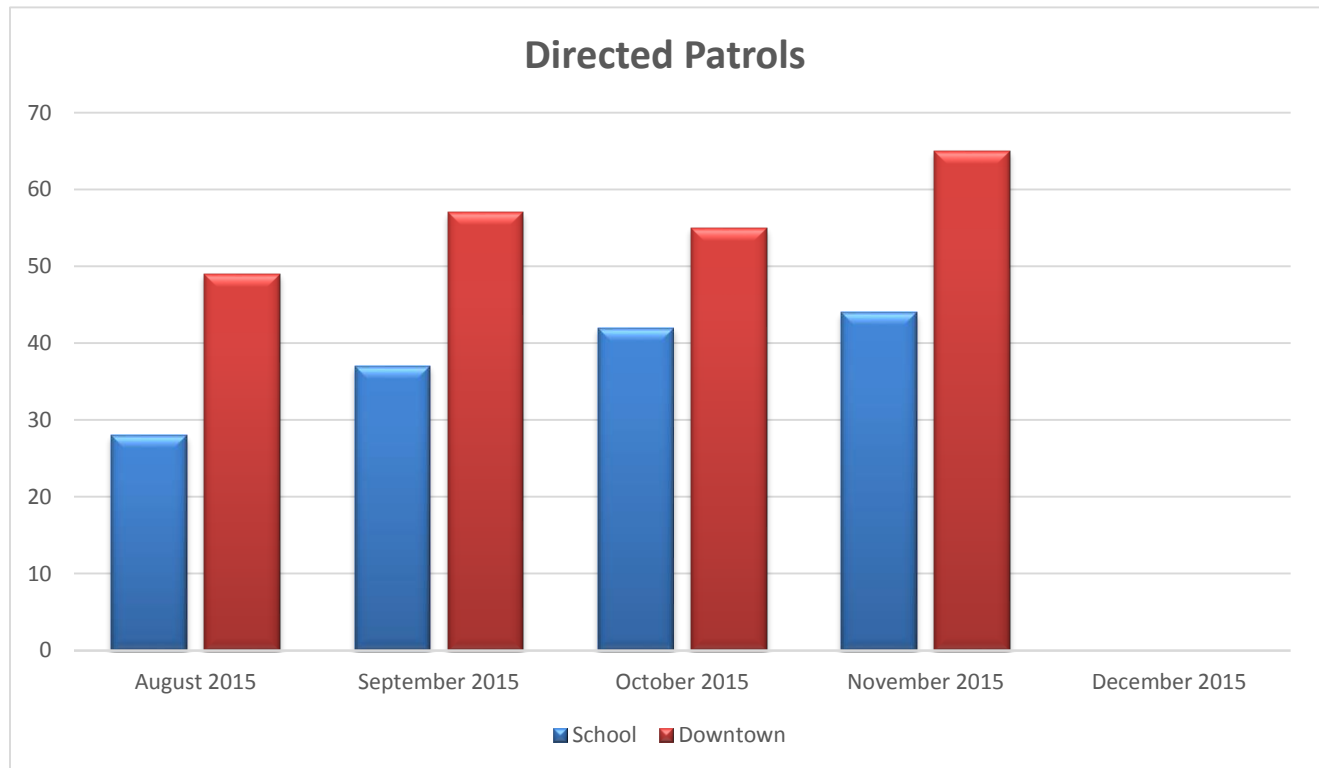
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**STATISTICAL DATA**

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Lieutenant Frost –	School patrols (2),	Downtown patrols (10)
First Sergeant Fitzgerald -	School patrols (4),	Downtown patrols (9)
Sergeant Huffman –	School patrols (2),	Downtown patrols (3)
Sergeant Padgett –	School patrols (0),	Downtown patrols (4)
Sergeant Condry –	School patrols (0),	Downtown patrols (4)
Corporal Burks –	School patrols (8),	Downtown patrols (6)
Corporal Britton –	School patrols (0),	Downtown patrols (6)
Corporal Kesterson –	School patrols (5),	Downtown patrols (1)
Corporal Stewart-	School patrols (5),	Downtown patrols (6)
Officer Mohler –	School patrols (0),	Downtown patrols (4)
Officer Musser –	School patrols (1),	Downtown patrols (6)
Officer Oakley –	School patrols (17),	Downtown patrols (6)

Totals- School patrols (44), Downtown patrols (65)



Crime Stat Comparison			
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Misdemeanor Arrests	466	304	293
Felony Arrests	63	22	39
Drunk In Public	33	24	48
Driving Under Influence	22	18	31
Speeding	202	125	218
Overtime Parking	735	815	675
Marijuana Possession	40	12	13

## Virginia's Beautiful Holiday Main Streets

by [Casey Higgins](#) | Posted on November 19th, 2015

One sure way to get into the spirit of the season is to center yourself in a beautiful place dripping in décor and nostalgia, and Virginia has more than a few to choose from. These streets are but a sample of all Virginia has to offer during the season, and there are [Favorite Christmas Towns](#) you'll want to check out as well.



### — MAIN STREET | [LEXINGTON](#) —

Brick sidewalks, wreaths around the street lamps, and storefronts decorated with evergreens, ribbons, and ornaments all make for a decidedly festive atmosphere for shopping and dining on Main Street in Lexington.



(<http://blog.virginia.org/2015/11/holiday-main-streets/>)



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## **I-64 CLOSED IN ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY DECEMBER 13**

### ***State Police to Enforce Detour onto Route 220***

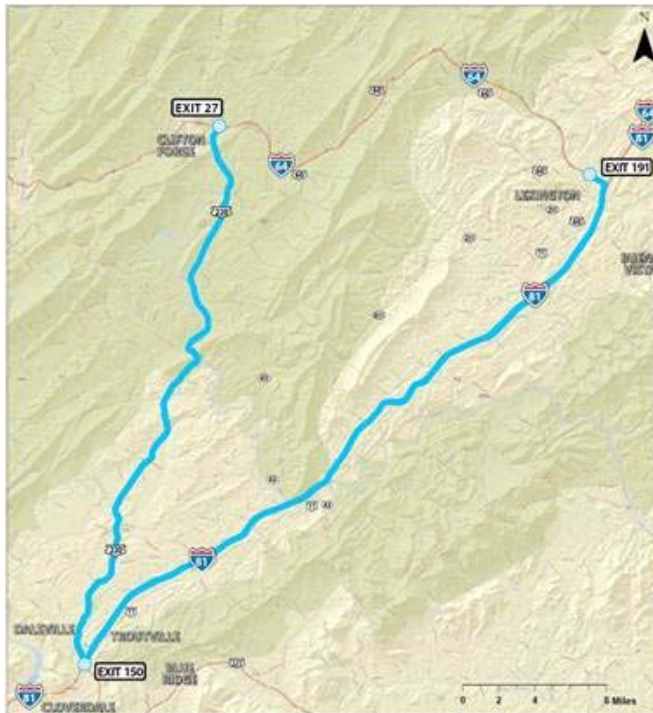
**STAUNTON** – On Sunday, December 13, eastbound and westbound Interstate 64 will be closed from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. for pavement repairs between exit 50 (Lexington/Kerrs Creek) and the junction of Interstate 81 in Rockbridge County. Local traffic will be able to reach the city of Lexington from I-64 eastbound by using exit 50, or from I-81 by using exit 188B or exit 195. Virginia State Police will enforce a detour route for all through traffic.

Westbound I-64 through traffic will detour south on Interstate 81 to exit 150, and then follow Route 220 north back to I-64 at exit 27 in Alleghany County.

Eastbound I-64 through traffic will detour at exit 27 in Alleghany County and follow Route 220 south. Drivers will then enter I-81 northbound at exit 150. The detour ends near mile marker 191, where eastbound I-64 merges with northbound I-81.

Signs and variable message boards will guide motorists through the roughly 90-mile detour.

The pavement repairs will take place on I-64 between mile markers 53.3 and 55.3, where contractors are rehabilitating bridges over the Maury River.



All work is weather permitting.

Details on the Maury River bridges project and a high-resolution map of the temporary detour route are available [here](#).

The VDOT Staunton District serves Frederick, Shenandoah, Clarke, Warren, Page, Rockingham, Augusta, Highland, Rockbridge, Alleghany and Bath counties.

Traffic alerts and traveler information can be obtained by dialing 511. Traffic alerts and traveler information also are available at [511Virginia.org](http://511Virginia.org). For other assistance call the VDOT Customer Service Center, available 24 hours-a-day, seven days a week. Citizens can dial 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623) from anywhere in the state to report road hazards, ask transportation questions, or get information related to Virginia's roads.

The Staunton District Twitter feed is at [@VaDOTStaunton](https://twitter.com/VaDOTStaunton). VDOT can be followed on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/VaDOT), [Flickr](https://www.flickr.com/photos/vdot/), [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/user/VaDOT), [RSS](https://www.rss.com/) feeds are also available for statewide information. The VDOT Web page is located at [www.VirginiaDOT.org](http://www.VirginiaDOT.org).

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**LEXINGTON CITY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**AGENDA**  
**December 14, 2015**  
**Public Hearing 4:30pm**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Immediately Following**  
**Lexington City School Board Office**

Order of Business	Subject	Action	Information
1. Approval of Agenda			*
2. Communications	-Recognition of Citizens		*
3. Delegations	-Public Comment (See Guidelines On Page iii)		
4. Consent Agenda Items	-Approval of Minutes -Board Meeting November 9, 2015 -Approval of November Payroll and Expenditures -Petty Cash Reports -Approval of Tuition Students	*	
5. Superintendent's Report	-Update on Strategic Plan -Recognitions A. LDMS Band B. Waddell Music C. Chess Club		*
6. School Board	-Rockbridge County Board Meeting -February 10-11 Richmond Conference		*
7. Executive Session	-Virginia Code 2.2-3711, Section A; Paragraph One: -Personnel Matters		
8. Board Action	-Approval of Personnel Matters	*	
9. Adjournment		*	



**LEXINGTON ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

**Thursday, December 17, 2015**

**4:00P.M.**

First Floor Meeting Room (Community Meeting Room),  
Lexington City Hall  
300 E. Washington Street, Lexington, Virginia

**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**3. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. COA2015-31 An application to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to allow one projecting sign that identifies the location of property at 31 South Main Street.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes from the meeting of December 3, 2015.

**5. ADJOURN**

**Physical Services Committee  
of the City of Lexington, VA**

**Thursday, December 17, 2015, 7:00 pm  
Extension Office Meeting Room  
150 S. Main Street**

**Members: Marilyn Alexander, Chair; Frank Friedman, Camille Miller, and David Sigler**

- 1. Call to order** – Chair Alexander
- 2. Further discuss Solid Waste Management**  
(City Manager Simon, Finance Director Swink, Public Works Director Kennedy)
- 3. Adjourn** – Chair Alexander



**LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**Thursday, December 17, 2015 8:00 p.m.**  
**Rockbridge County Administration Building**  
**150 S. Main Street**

**1. Call to Order – Mayor Elrod**

**2. Approval of Minutes – Mayor Elrod**

A. December 3, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting\*

**3. Public Hearing – Darren Coffey**

A. To receive public comment on CUP2015-24, Conditional Use Permit for a Subway Restaurant at 122 South Main Street\*

B. Consider approval of CUP2015-24, Conditional Use Permit for a Subway Restaurant at 122 South Main Street\*

**4. Citizens' Remarks and Comments**

**5. Consent Agenda**

A. Robert E. Lee Hotel request for street closure New Year's Eve\*

B. Appoint Zoning Administrator\*

C. Cancel January 1, 2016 meeting of City Council for Holiday

**6. Unfinished Business**

**7. Reports and Communications**

**A. City Council Committees**

1. Finance Committee – F. Friedman
2. Physical Services Committee – M. Alexander
3. Social and Economic Services Committee – C. Smith

**B. Boards and Commissions**

1. Planning Commission – P. Rhamey
2. Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission – F. Friedman
3. Main Street Lexington – D. Sigler
4. Regional Tourism Board – C. Smith
5. Threshold – M. Alexander
6. Rockbridge Area Recreation Organization – D. Sigler

**C. Mayor**

**D. City Manager**

**E. City Attorney**

**8. New Business**

**9. Adjourn**

# City of Lexington

December 2015

December 14

MONDAY

December 21

4:30 p.m. School Board Meeting  
School Board Office, 300 Diamond Street

December 15

TUESDAY

December 22

December 16

WEDNESDAY

December 23

December 17

THURSDAY

December 24

4:00 p.m. Architectural Review Board  
City Hall Community Room, First Floor

7:00 p.m. Physical Services Committee  
Rockbridge Extension Ofc, 150 S Main St

8:00 p.m. City Council Regular Meeting  
Rockbridge Admin Bldg. 150 S. Main St.

December 18

FRIDAY

December 25



2015 DECEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		